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Re: Docket 2009-489-E

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today concerning docket 2009-489-E, concerning the rate hikes and permit to build power plants awarded to SCE&G.

So far, SCE&G have received permission to increase rates to its customers for both the Coal Fired Power Plant and the proposed Nuclear Power Plants (2). Both rate hikes are or will be in effect in the near future.

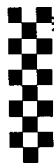
After the granting and raising of rates for the construction of the Coal Fired Power Plant, it was proven to not be needed and the plans for this plant were cancelled. However, the consumers of SCE&G continue to pay the rate hike for the construction of this now cancelled power plant.

SCE&G, instead of investing in renewable energy (GE, maker of wind turbines, located in the upstate with Environmental Engineers being educated at Clemson in conjunction with GE), insists on building two (2) Nuclear Plants. The rate hike for the construction of these plants have already been granted yet ground has not been broken and need has not been established.

Excuse my confusion but if there is not sufficient need for the Coal Fired Power Plant, why is there sufficient need for two (2) Nuclear Plants? SCE&G states they need this additional rate hike to pay for environmental pollution corrections and to pay for the required "second" Lake Murray Dam.

I find the veracity of SCE&G to request rate hike after rate hike to cover the costs of doing business is unconscionable. SCE&G consumers already pay much higher rates than other energy customers (of other power companies) in the same areas and neighboring Duke Energy customers. Why is SCE&G power over 30% more expensive than comparable power from other area Power companies?

Business models state that share holders take the risk and suffer losses and gain profits from their investments in companies/industries. When did the business model change so



that share holders and company executives reap all the benefits but are not responsible nor penalized (loss of dividends/bonuses) for slow downs in the business cycles or any losses due to the market, mismanagement, incompetence, and greed? In this State that provides no competition for energy providers, customers of SCE&G are prisoners of their energy providers.

The Public Service Commission is the only watch dog that the citizens of South Carolina have to fight for their interests. We rely on the SCPSC to do their due diligence to investigate the requests for new building projects and rate hikes that affect our rates. I urge you to due your due diligence to have SCE&G prove the essential need for these additional rate hikes and use your power to have the rate hikes for cancelled projects eliminated and rates refunded to SCE&G customers.

Sincerely,

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